

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2006
CHINCOTEAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Council Members Present:

John H. Tarr, Mayor
Anita Speidel, Vice Mayor
Nancy B. Conklin, Councilwoman
Terry Howard, Councilman
Ellen W. Richardson, Councilwoman
E. David Ross, Councilman
Glenn B. Wolffe, Councilman

Call to Order

Mayor Tarr called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Invocation

Councilman Howard offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tarr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

- Mrs. Lois Kelso Hunt requested that the causeway signs be considered in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.
- Mr. Delbert Daisey asked who owns Pine, Oak and Cedar Drives on Piney Island. Mayor Tarr responded that Staff will research who owns the property and let Mr. Daisey know. Mr. Daisey informed Council about the poor road condition. Mayor Tarr mentioned that the Town can grade the road.

Agenda Additions/Deletions and Adoption

Councilwoman Conklin motioned, seconded by Councilman Ross, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- Special Council and Planning Commission Meeting of October 9, 2006 - Councilman Howard motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Regular Council Meeting of October 19, 2006 - Councilman Wolffe motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Scheduling of a Public Hearing - Corner Lot Setback Requirements.

The Planning Commission in their October 24 meeting recommended to Council for consideration a proposed zoning change regarding setbacks on corner lots. The proposed change will allow structures on corner lots to be placed fifteen (15) feet from the property line. The current zoning requirement is twenty-five (25) feet.

Councilwoman Conklin motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to hold a public hearing at the regular Council meeting on December 4, 2006 to amend Sections 3.6.5, 3.9.5, 4.3.5 and 4.6.5 – Corner Lots, item (2) wording as: *“The side yard setback abutting a street, road, right-of-way, or easement shall be 15 feet for both main and accessory structures”*. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Accomack County Board of Supervisors Update.

Islands District Supervisor, Honorable Wanda Thornton, updated Council with several issues that the County is currently facing that may affect the Island:

- Reassessment notices will not be left on doors if property owners are not home; they will be mailed to the property owners.
- Supervisor Thornton invited Council to a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA on December 1 at 10:00 am to discuss flood gates.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the Enterprise Zone.
- Supervisor Thornton announced that the public hearing regarding Wal-Mart will be on November 16.
- Supervisor Thornton recommended that a representative of Chincoteague serve on the Technical Advisory Transportation Committee for the Eastern Shore.
- The bids for the channel bridge will be opened on November 8.
- NASA no longer has to have a permit or pay for a permit to withdraw groundwater. In addition, NASA no longer has a limit on the amount of groundwater they may withdraw.
- Supervisor Thornton stated that she will ask for a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding dredging of the channel.
- Supervisor Thornton showed Council a map of the impoverished areas of Accomack County. She pointed out these areas on Chincoteague as well.

4. Proclamation for Cemetery Cleanup Week.

Councilman Howard motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to adopt the following proclamation for Cemetery Cleanup Week.

WHEREAS, throughout our community there are many cemeteries and family burial grounds; and

WHEREAS, over the years, many of the loved ones of those buried in our cemeteries have moved away or are no longer able to tend to these cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, many organizations and individuals throughout our community have volunteered to assist in the cleanup of those sites and common areas within these cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, these organizations and individuals need assistance from all citizens to accomplish their cleanup goals to beautify and preserve our family burial grounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor John H. Tarr, do hereby proclaim the week of November 12 through 18, 2006 as Cemetery Cleanup Week within the Town of Chincoteague and call upon our citizens to volunteer to organize and assist in the cleanup of our Island cemeteries.

DATED this 6th day of November, 2006.

Attest:

John H. Tarr, Mayor

Robert G. Ritter, Jr., Town Manager

Councilman Howard announced that the Reed Cemetery will be cleaned on November 18 beginning at 9:00 am.

5. *Cancellation of the Regular Council Meeting of November 16, 2006.*

Councilman Howard motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to cancel the regular Council meeting scheduled for November 16, 2006. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. *Street Paving Bid.*

Public Works Director Cosby explained that one bid was received for the paving contract. He stated that the bid was from Interstate Construction of Delmarva, doing business as Branscome Eastern Shore, who has done the Town's paving work from 1998 through 2002 and from 2004 to the present.

Councilman Wolffe motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to award the street paving contract to Interstate Construction of Delmarva, doing business as Branscome Eastern Shore. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. *Mayor and Council Announcements or Comments.*

- Councilwoman Richardson announced that the Planning Commission will meet on November 14 at 7:00 pm to discuss the Sign Ordinance.
- Councilman Ross announced that the Ordinance Committee will meet on November 8 at 5:30 pm to discuss the Noise Ordinance.
- Councilman Howard announced that the Harbor Committee will not meet in November.

- Mayor Tarr announced that Council has been invited to participate in the Christmas Parade on December 2 at 6:30 pm. He also encouraged Council and the citizens to vote in tomorrow's election.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Tarr announced that the next meeting will be on December 4, 2006 at 7:30 pm. Councilman Howard motioned, seconded by Councilman Wolffe, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Town Manager